

ELECTION AND REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in the present application. The Office Action requires that Applicants elect one species from each of the following groups of the invention that define different features of the invention.

Group I (Rotary Indexer)

Species I-A: the rotary indexer is a cam-driven mechanical indexer.

Species I-B: the rotary indexer is a servo-driven dial table.

Group II (Guiding of Object Carrier)

Species II-A: a shot pin helps to guide the object carrier.

Species II-B: a V-block mechanism helps to guide the object carrier.

Group III (Rotating of Object)

Species III-A: magnetically coupling a motor onto the spindle.

Species III-B: pushing the spindle with a friction coupling.

Group IV (Rotation about Axes that are Alternately Perpendicular)

Species IV-A: two of the three alternate perpendicular axes are vertical.

Species IV-B: two of the three alternate perpendicular axes are horizontal.

Applicants hereby elect the following species from each of the Groups I-IV so that the application may be examined:

Species I-A: the rotary indexer is a cam-driven mechanical indexer.

Species II-A: a shot pin helps to guide the object carrier.

Species III-A: magnetically coupling a motor onto the spindle.

Species IV-A: two of the three alternate perpendicular axes are vertical.

Applicants submit that claims 1-4; 6-11; 13-19; 21-25; and 27-42 read on the elected species and claims 1, 27, and 36 are generic. It is Applicants understanding that this election is being

made to aid the Examiner in conducting a search and examination of the claimed subject matter and is not to be construed as limiting the scope of the invention. This election of species is being made without prejudice or disclaimer of the non-elected subject matter. It is Applicants' understanding that upon allowance of a generic claim, they will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which include all of the limitations of the allowable generic claims.

In view of the election of species being made herein, Applicants have canceled claims 5, 12, 20, and 26. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuing and/or divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. However, if a fee is required, please charge the required fee to Acushnet Company Deposit Account No. 502309. Should there be any outstanding matter that needs to be resolved in the present application; the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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